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OCTOBER NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
[from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program]

October's Unemployment Rate Back Up to 5.9 Percent

The New Hampshire not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for *October increased to 5.9 percent*, 0.2 percentage points higher than *September's unchanged estimate of 5.7 percent*. The *current rate* is the *lowest October rate since October 1990 when it was 5.7 percent*. The *highest October rate, 7.1 percent* using comparable computation methodology, *occurred last year in 1992 and* ten years prior *in 1982*. The current *October rate, by marking 1.2 percentage points lower* than last year, *showed considerable improvement over-the-year*.

The national not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October was 6.3 percent, a 0.1 percentage point change from *September's unrevised rate of 6.4 percent*. The national rate has been on a slow, steady decline the last three months, dipping 0.1 percentage points per month. *One year ago the national rate for October was 6.8 percent*. The string of consecutive months of *New Hampshire staying below the national unemployment rate* has gained attention by rate watchers. October's rates extend that *string to six months for both the not seasonally adjusted and the seasonally adjusted series*. (Please see *Figure a.*)

State's Unadjusted Rate Up by 0.3 Percentage Points

The *New Hampshire seasonally adjusted unemployment rate* for October was *6.4 percent*, a gain of 0.3 percentage points. *The revised September seasonally adjusted rate was 6.1 percent. Looking back a year*, the *October rate* for the state was *7.4 percent*. The *national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate* for October 1993 *was up 0.1 percentage points to 6.8 percent* compared over-the-month with *September's 6.7 percent*. The *October 1992 national rate was 7.4 percent*, attesting to an over-the-year *improvement of 0.6 percentage points*. (Please see *Table 1.1* and *Figure b.*)

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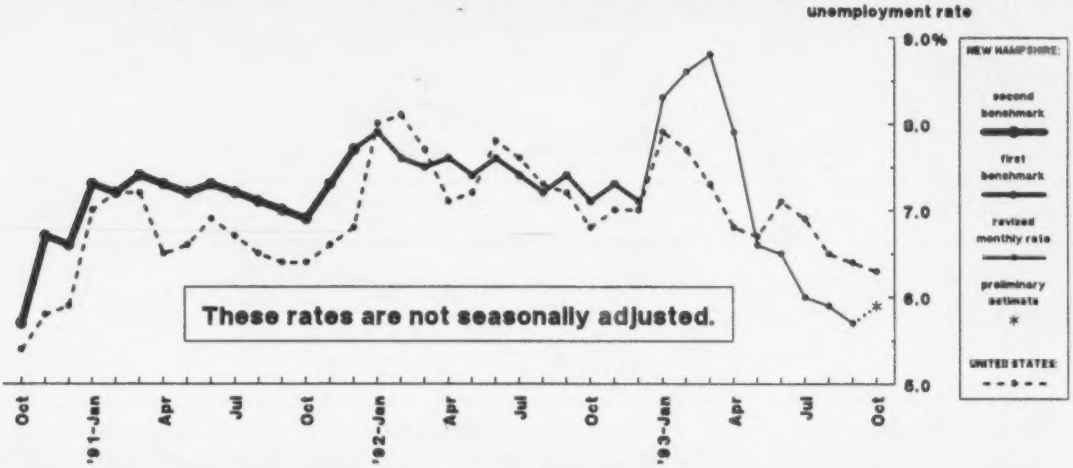
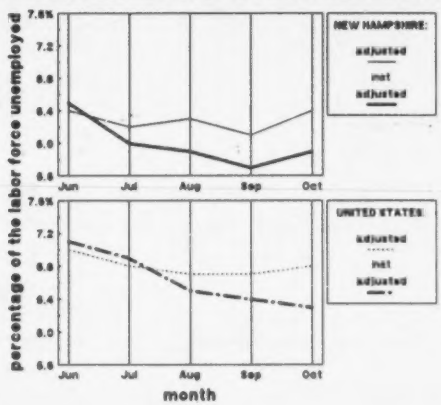


Note: These rates, estimated using methodology adopted in October 1989 are not directly comparable to monthly rates published prior to that time. It is important to note the difference between ***seasonally adjusted*** *and* ***not seasonally adjusted*** *estimates. Both are included in this publication. Seasonal adjustment adds an extra layer of estimating with potential for distorting the base estimates, but it enables cross-month comparisons. With not seasonally adjusted estimates, over-the-month comparisons are affected by seasonal changes and thus could present misleading representation of underlying trends. To eliminate this bias, it is necessary to compare a not-seasonally-adjusted number with that of the same month in other years.*

Table 1.1. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE UNITED STATES

NEW HAMPSHIRE	Jun-93	Jul-93	Aug-93	Sep-93	Oct-93
Rate of Unemployment	6.4%	6.2%	6.2%	6.1%	6.4%
Civilian Labor Force	634,970	630,660	642,290	648,540	649,730
Number Employed	594,070	591,650	601,650	609,280	608,340
Number Unemployed	40,900	39,010	40,640	39,260	41,390
UNITED STATES	*(United States labor force numbers in thousands)*				
Rate of Unemployment	7.0%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.8%
Civilian Labor Force	128,127	128,070	128,370	127,975	128,714
Number Employed	119,219	119,301	119,710	119,457	119,928
Number Unemployed	8,908	8,769	8,661	8,517	8,786

Figure b. NEW HAMPSHIRE AND UNITED STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ESTIMATES - LAST FIVE MONTHS NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED vs SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



Labor Force Increases During October

The estimated labor force for New Hampshire increased 4,060 in October to a *total of 646,680. September's estimated labor force was revised to 642,620.* An *over-the-year comparison* with the *October 1992 level of 636,960* registered an *increase of 9,720.*

Employment Levels for October Gain Slightly

The *New Hampshire residence-based employment* estimate for *October totaled 608,840,* a *gain of 2,720* over- the-month. The increase in the October employment level may have been impacted by parents returning to the labor force after school sessions began, with a number finding employment. The *September employment estimate was revised to 606,120. Over-the-year employment increased 16,860* from the *October 1992 level of 591,980.*

October's Unemployed Level Increases

The *October estimated unemployment level for New Hampshire increased 1,340* to a *total of 37,840.* The *revised unemployed level for September was 36,500. Year-to-year comparisons with 1992 unemployment levels* continued to look favorable as *October 1993 results netted 7,140 less* than one year ago.

OCTOBER NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
[from the Current Employment Survey (CES or BLS 790) program]

Over-the-Month:

Nonagricultural Employment Increases 0.8 Percent

New Hampshire's nonagricultural wage and salary employment for October *increased by 4,100 jobs to a total of 504,000.* This resulted in a *0.8 percent gain* over-the-month. The *nonfarm employment figure for September remained unchanged at 499,900.* October's total established a new peak for the first ten months of 1993. The *current nonfarm employment amount* is the *largest for an October since 1990,* when the *employment level was 506,700.*

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for October was *estimated to be 496,200. September's seasonally adjusted estimate* for nonfarm employment *remained at 491,500.* (Please see *Table 2.1* and *Figure c.*)

Construction Employment Declines Over the Month

New Hampshire's construction employment, not seasonally adjusted, declined to 18,700 in October, a *dip of 200 jobs.* September-to-October construction employment recorded decreases from 1986 through 1991, only reverting to a slight increase of 200 last year. The *revised construction employment* estimate for *September 1993 was 18,900.*

October's Manufacturing Employment Up Slightly

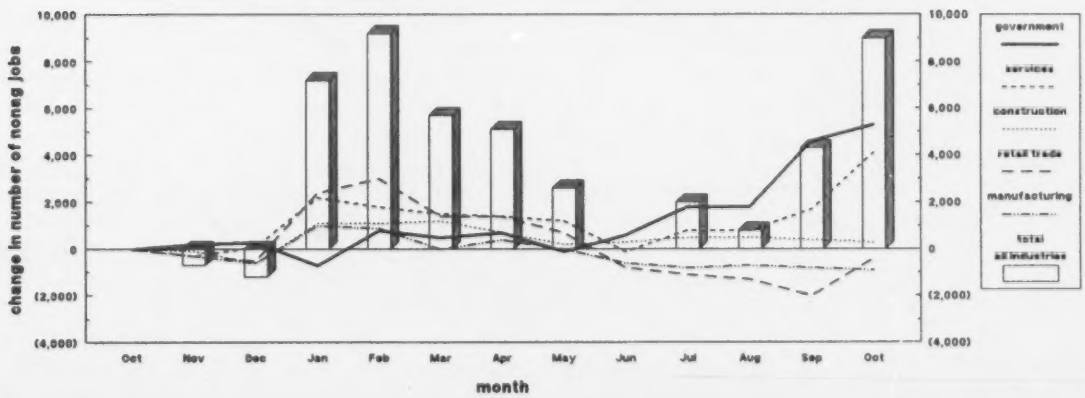
New Hampshire manufacturing employment increased 200 jobs for an October *total of*

Table 2.1. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Jun-93	Jul-93	Aug-93	Sep-93	Oct-93
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	487,200	489,200	488,000	491,500	496,200
mining*	500	500	500	500	500
construction	16,700	16,900	16,900	16,800	16,700
manufacturing	96,600	96,400	96,500	96,400	96,300
durable goods	65,400	65,400	65,100	64,900	64,700
nondurable goods	31,200	31,000	31,400	31,500	31,600
transportation, communication, public utilities	17,000	16,700	16,400	17,000	17,100
wholesale and retail trade, combined	123,900	123,800	123,000	122,500	124,000
wholesale trade	22,100	22,300	21,700	21,900	21,800
retail trade	101,800	101,500	101,300	100,600	102,200
finance, insurance, and real estate	29,000	29,300	29,100	29,000	29,200
services	131,000	131,900	131,900	132,800	135,200
government	72,500	73,700	73,700	76,500	77,200

* Since the mining employment exhibits no clear seasonal pattern, these estimates are not adjusted.

Figure c. CHANGE OVER THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT, ALL INDUSTRIES AND SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS



97,300. Nondurable goods and durable goods contributed equally to the October increase. Many manufacturing sectors showed limited or no change over-the-month. *September's manufacturing employment remained unchanged at 97,100.*

Trade Employment Gains in October

October's trade employment increased to 125,500, a gain of 500 jobs over-the-month. *Retail trade* provided the *net gain by increasing 700 positions*, while *wholesale trade dipped 200 jobs. Miscellaneous retail, general merchandise, apparel and accessories, and automotive dealers combined* to provide the *retail gain*. Employment for *eating and drinking establishments declined*, a typical occurrence at the end of the summer and fall foliage tourist seasons. *September's trade employment* level was *revised to 125,000.*

Services Employment Makes Slight Gain

Services employment netted 800 jobs to attain an *estimated total of 136,300* in October. *Educational services* supplied a *substantial number of new jobs*, bolstered by a *small increase in health services employment. Amusements, including movies, and hotels and other lodging* combined to *pace services losses*. The *services employment* estimate for *September was revised to 135,500.*

Government Jobs Increase 3.7 Percent

New Hampshire combined government employment increased during October *to 79,200.* After the combined total for *September was revised to 76,400, October's change* represented a *gain of 2,800 jobs*, or a *3.7 percent increase* for the month. *Federal government employment remained unchanged*, while additional hiring in education helped to supply *1,700 local government jobs*. Education was also the significant factor in *state government employment gaining 1,100 positions.*

Other Monthly Changes

The *finance, insurance, and real estate sector's employment level was 29,100*, indicating no change over-the-month; *transportation, communication, and public utilities employment* also did not change, remaining at a *total of 17,400.*

Over-the-Year Changes:

Nonagricultural Jobs Increase Over the Year

The *nonagricultural wage and salary employment* for the state sustained a *9,500 job gain* for a *total of 504,000*. This *1.9 percent increase* represented the *largest October-to-October gain since 1988*, and only the second over-the-year increase to occur in the last five years. The *revised nonfarm estimate for October 1992 was 494,500.*

The *service producing sector* was the *predominant contributor* to the year-to- year *total increase in nonfarm employment*, with a *gain of 9,900 jobs*. Once again the *services group and government*, paced by *educational services and local education*, respectively, *led the gains within service producing. The goods producing sector experienced slight declines.*

Manufacturing Employment Declines

Manufacturing employment in New Hampshire decreased 700 jobs October-to-October, *leveling at 97,300* for October 1993. The employment level for *October 1992 was 98,000.* This latest loss was the *fifth consecutive declining October-to-October for manufacturing employment*. The percentage of job losses the last two years, however, have not approached the magnitude that prevailed during the recession years. The *major contributor* to the current *manufacturing employment level* was the *durable goods sector* with a significant *year-to-year decline*.

When *October's durable goods employment of 65,400* was compared with *67,100 for October 1992*, the result was an over-the-year *decrease of 1,700 jobs. Industrial/commercial machinery and computer equipment* was the *major contributor* to the current decline with *1,500 job losses.* On the other side of the ledger *electronic equipment experienced moderate gains.*

October-to-October employment in the *nondurable goods sector gained 1,000 jobs*, as *rubber/miscellaneous plastic products, textile mill products, and apparel and other textiles contributed to the increase. Paper and allied products* again led declines with *400 job losses.*

Table 1. NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE FOR THE UNITED STATES AND NEW HAMPSHIRE AND ITS SUB STATE AREAS

	UNEMPLOYMENT:								CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE:				
	October 1993		September 1993		October 1992		Numerical Change from Previous:		October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Numerical Change from Previous:	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
United States *(thousands)*	8,101	6.3%	8,128	6.4%	8,600	6.8%	-27	-499	128,547	127,858	126,846	689	1,701
New Hampshire *[based on the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics' 43 step handbook method, adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.]*													
State Total	37,840	5.9%	36,500	5.7%	44,980	7.1%	1,340	-7,140	646,680	642,620	636,960	4,060	9,720
Labor Market Areas:													
Berlin LMA	1,860	6.3%	1,180	4.2%	1,700	5.9%	680	160	29,250	28,470	28,860	780	390
Claremont LMA	1,560	3.2%	2,310	4.8%	2,040	4.3%	-750	-480	48,240	47,830	47,560	410	680
Concord LMA	2,590	4.4%	2,560	4.4%	3,490	6.0%	30	-900	59,260	58,710	57,910	550	1,350
Keene LMA	1,710	3.7%	1,700	3.7%	2,410	5.2%	10	-700	46,440	45,570	46,380	870	60
Laconia LMA	3,300	5.7%	2,710	4.7%	3,710	6.5%	590	-410	57,490	57,100	56,810	390	680
Littleton LMA	1,040	5.0%	700	3.4%	1,270	6.2%	340	-230	20,860	20,800	20,600	60	260
Manchester MSA	4,680	5.5%	4,820	5.6%	6,120	7.2%	-140	-1,440	85,430	85,350	85,430	80	0
Nashua PMSA	7,410	7.2%	7,660	7.5%	8,340	8.4%	-250	-930	102,750	101,930	99,540	820	3,210
Lawrence-Haverhill, MA-NH PMSA, *NH portion**	5,860	10.2%	5,720	9.9%	6,310	10.9%	140	-450	57,660	57,530	57,670	130	-10
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA	6,000	4.2%	5,330	3.8%	7,130	5.1%	670	-1,130	142,140	142,200	138,450	-60	3,690
Unattached Estimating Area	2,110	9.3%	2,110	9.2%	2,550	11.1%	0	-440	22,770	22,860	23,050	-90	-280
Pelham *(NH portion* Lowell MA-NH PMSA)	590	11.5%	550	10.8%	720	13.7%	40	-130	5,120	5,070	5,290	50	-170
Counties:													
Belknap	1,790	6.2%	1,430	4.9%	1,880	6.6%	360	-90	27,290	27,370	26,710	-80	580
Carroll	1,000	4.7%	830	3.9%	1,090	5.2%	170	-90	20,280	20,270	20,010	10	270
Cheshire	1,550	3.7%	1,570	3.8%	2,160	5.2%	-20	-610	40,010	39,240	39,330	770	680
Coos	1,740	7.7%	1,020	4.6%	1,560	7.0%	720	180	20,950	20,950	20,700	0	250
Grafton	1,810	3.8%	2,210	4.6%	2,340	4.9%	-400	-530	46,330	46,090	45,240	240	1,090
Hillsborough	12,270	6.5%	12,640	6.7%	14,840	8.0%	-370	310	176,600	175,320	171,330	1,280	5,270
Merrimack	3,100	4.5%	3,030	4.4%	4,420	6.4%	70	-1,320	66,450	65,940	64,220	510	2,230
Rockingham	10,230	7.5%	9,840	7.2%	11,390	8.5%	390	-1,160	126,600	126,790	123,340	-190	3,260
Strafford	3,390	5.2%	2,910	4.5%	4,100	6.5%	480	-710	61,540	61,920	58,880	-380	2,660
Sullivan	950	4.0%	1,030	4.4%	1,200	5.1%	-80	-250	22,800	22,230	22,230	570	570

* *The New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, MA-NH Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) is made up of 13 Rockingham County towns - the two largest towns - Derry and Salem, plus Atkinson, Brentwood, Danville, East Kingston, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow, Sandown, Seabrook, and Windham. The estimates for the* ***entire*** *PMSA, which can be obtained from the State of Massachusetts, are probably* ***more reliable*** *indicators of economic conditions in the area. This is likewise true for Town of Pelham estimates.*

Trade Jobs Increase Over the Year

New Hampshire's trade employment for October was an *estimated 125,500, a 500 job gain* when compared with *October 1992 (125,000). Wholesale trade employment (21,800) increased 800 jobs* October-to-October; *retail employment (103,700) decreased 300 jobs* over- the-year. *Automotive dealers and miscellaneous retail* achieved *year-to-year gains. Food stores led declines* over the same period.

Construction Employment Gains October to October

October's *construction employment in New Hampshire (18,700) gained 300 jobs*, a *1.6 percent increase*, compared with employment levels *(18,400) for October 1992.* The current increase caused consecutive *over-the-year gains for construction employment*, after suffering *large declines from 1989 to 1991.*

Government Jobs Increase 7.3 Percent Over the Year

New Hampshire's total government employment for October *(79,200), increased 7.3 percent* over-the-year by *gaining 5,400 jobs.* Total government employment for *October 1992 was 73,800.* The bulk of the positions came from *state and local education*, causing *state government employment to gain 3,300* October-to-October, and *local government employment to expand 2,000 jobs. Federal government employment gained 100 jobs* over-the-year.

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Table 2. NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS, OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES *(by place of residence)*	Number of Workers October 1993	 September 1993	 October 1992	Numerical Change From Previous: Month	 Year
Civilian Labor Force	646,680	642,620	636,960	4,060	9,720
Unemployment	37,840	36,500	44,980	1,340	-7,140
Percent of Labor Force	5.9	5.7	7.1	—	—
Employment Total	608,840	606,120	591,980	2,720	16,860
Current Employment Statistics (CES or BLS 790) program **EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY** *(by place of establishment, benchmarked on October 1992 data)*	**Number of Jobs** October 1993	 September 1993	 October 1992	**Numerical Change** From Previous: Month	 Year
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT	504,000	499,900	494,500	4,100	9,500
Total Private	424,800	423,500	420,700	1,300	4,100
GOODS PRODUCING	116,500	116,500	116,900	0	-400
Mining	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	18,700	18,900	18,400	-200	300
Manufacturing	97,300	97,100	98,000	200	-700
Durable Goods*	65,400	65,300	67,100	100	-1,700
Lumber and wood products	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	-200
Furniture and fixtures	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Stone, clay, and glass products	1,800	1,900	1,900	-100	-100
Primary metal products	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Fabricated metal products	7,400	7,400	7,200	0	200
Industrial/commercial machinery, computer equipment	19,300	19,300	20,800	0	-1,500
Electronic/electrical equipment/components except computer	13,800	13,800	13,400	0	400
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
Instruments and related products	11,100	11,100	11,800	0	-700
Nondurable Goods*	31,900	31,800	30,900	100	1,000
Food and kindred products	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Textile mill products	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	300
Apparel and other textiles	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	200
Paper and allied products	4,100	4,200	4,500	-100	-400
Printing and publishing	7,300	7,200	7,200	100	100
Leather and leather products	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
Rubber and misc. plastics products	8,700	8,600	7,900	100	800
SERVICE PRODUCING	387,500	383,400	377,600	4,100	9,900
Private Service Producing	308,300	307,000	303,800	1,300	4,500
Transportation, communications, and utilities	17,400	17,400	17,400	0	0
Trade	125,500	125,000	125,000	500	500
Wholesale trade	21,800	22,000	21,000	-200	800
Retail trade	103,700	103,000	104,000	700	-300
Finance, insurance, and real estate	29,100	29,100	29,300	0	-200
Services (except private households), agricultural services	136,300	135,500	132,100	800	4,200
Health services	41,400	41,100	41,700	300	-300
Government	79,200	76,400	73,800	2,800	5,400
Federal	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
State	23,400	22,300	20,100	1,100	3,300
Local	48,100	46,400	46,100	1,700	2,000
Persons involved in labor disputes (not included in Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Total above)	0	0	0	0	0

* *Data does not add due to some unpublishable industry statistics.*

Table 3. NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA				
	Number of Workers			Change		Number of Workers			Change		Number of Workers			Change	
LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES *(by place of residence)*	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	From Previous: Month	Year	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	From Previous: Month	Year	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	From Previous: Month	Year
Civilian labor force	85,430	85,350	85,430	80	0	102,750	101,930	99,540	820	3,210	142,140	142,200	138,450	-60	3,690
Unemployment	4,680	4,820	6,120	-140	-1,440	7,410	7,660	8,340	-250	-930	6,000	5,330	7,130	670	-1,130
Percentage of labor force	5.5	5.6	7.2	—	—	7.2	7.5	8.4	—	—	4.2	3.8	5.1	—	—
Employment total	80,750	80,530	79,310	220	1,440	95,340	94,270	91,200	1,070	4,140	136,140	136,870	131,320	-730	4,820
Current Employment Statistics (CES or BLS 790) program															
EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY	Number of Jobs			Change		Number of Jobs			Change		Number of Jobs			Change	
(by place of establishment, benchmarked on October 1992 data)	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	From Previous: Month	Year	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	From Previous: Month	Year	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	From Previous: Month	Year
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT	76,500	76,400	76,500	100	0	86,100	85,100	84,100	1,000	2,000	109,700	110,100	107,000	-400	2,700
GOODS PRODUCING	13,100	13,100	12,800	0	300	30,500	30,500	30,900	0	-400	22,000	22,200	22,600	-200	-600
Construction and Mining	3,200	3,300	3,100	-100	100	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Manufacturing	9,900	9,800	9,700	100	200	28,000	28,000	28,400	0	-400	19,100	19,300	19,600	-200	-500
Durable Goods	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	-300	22,000	22,000	22,600	0	-600	11,400	11,600	12,000	-200	-600
Machinery, electrical equip	2,800	2,700	2,500	100	300	12,700	12,700	13,100	0	-400	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Nondurable Goods	4,200	4,100	3,700	100	500	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
SERVICE PRODUCING	63,400	63,300	63,700	100	-300	55,600	54,600	53,200	1,000	2,400	87,700	87,900	84,400	-200	3,300
Transportation and public util	4,500	4,500	4,200	0	300	3,500	3,500	2,800	0	700	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Trade	18,500	18,700	19,000	-200	-500	20,400	20,500	20,400	-100	0	29,200	29,400	27,900	-200	1,300
Wholesale trade	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-100	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-100
Retail trade	14,000	14,100	14,400	-100	-400	16,600	16,700	16,700	-100	-100	26,500	26,600	25,100	-100	1,400
Finance, insurance, real estate	7,500	7,600	8,300	-100	-800	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0
Service industries and other	24,000	23,800	23,400	200	600	20,700	19,900	19,300	800	1,400	23,000	23,800	22,800	-800	200
Government	8,900	8,700	8,800	200	100	7,700	7,400	7,500	300	200	25,500	24,700	23,800	800	1,700
Federal	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0	900	900	900	0	0	7,400	7,500	7,800	-100	-400
State	900	800	900	100	0	500	500	400	0	100	8,200	7,500	6,100	700	2,100
Local	5,500	5,400	5,400	100	100	6,300	6,000	6,200	300	100	9,900	9,700	9,900	200	0
Persons involved in labor disputes (not included in Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment above)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Manchester MSA -- includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA -- includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA -- includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth; the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollinsford, Rye, and Stratham; and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

N.A. *non-available (these categories are not broken out due to confidentiality considerations)*

Table 4. AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
(Establishment Survey estimates on this page are currently projected from October 1992 CES benchmark levels.)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings October 1993	Average Weekly Earnings September 1993	Average Weekly Earnings October 1992	Average Weekly Hours October 1993	Average Weekly Hours September 1993	Average Weekly Hours October 1992	Average Hourly Earnings October 1993	Average Hourly Earnings September 1993	Average Hourly Earnings October 1992
All Manufacturing	$488.22	$491.63	$486.45	41.8	42.2	42.3	$11.68	$11.65	$11.50
Durable goods	501.83	505.41	499.65	42.1	42.4	42.8	11.92	11.92	11.66
Lumber and wood products	363.20	364.31	347.88	40.4	40.3	39.0	8.99	9.04	8.92
Furniture and fixtures	362.04	356.59	335.38	42.0	42.2	41.1	8.62	8.45	8.16
Stone, clay, and glass products	439.24	430.50	516.67	37.8	37.5	46.8	11.62	11.48	11.04
Primary metal products	515.35	528.80	530.43	43.6	44.4	43.3	11.82	11.91	12.25
Fabricated metal products	478.28	472.69	437.65	44.0	42.7	41.8	10.87	11.07	10.47
Industrial/commercial machinery&computer equipment	519.38	522.29	501.17	40.2	40.9	42.4	12.92	12.77	11.82
Electronic/electrical equipment except computer	509.39	512.96	515.42	45.4	45.8	47.2	11.22	11.20	10.92
Miscellaneous manufacturing	326.74	339.82	339.21	35.4	36.5	38.9	9.23	9.31	8.72
Instruments and related products	601.83	602.46	628.82	40.5	40.9	39.9	14.86	14.73	15.76
Nondurable goods	462.68	467.60	462.85	41.2	41.9	41.4	11.23	11.16	11.18
Food and kindred products	608.54	604.00	594.43	39.8	40.0	38.4	15.29	15.10	15.48
Textile mill products	405.82	403.42	374.07	41.2	42.6	39.5	9.85	9.47	9.47
Apparel and other textiles	276.72	279.37	272.68	36.7	37.2	40.1	7.54	7.51	6.80
Paper and allied products	579.70	586.52	557.06	46.6	47.3	45.4	12.44	12.40	12.27
Printing, publishing, and allied	490.14	494.66	494.94	39.4	39.7	39.5	12.44	12.46	12.53
Leather and leather products	274.00	285.77	280.82	36.1	37.8	38.0	7.59	7.56	7.39
Rubber and miscellaneous plastics products	457.52	465.21	464.38	43.0	43.6	43.4	10.64	10.67	10.70

Sample Percent of Production Workers 52.0%

Total Production Workers: 65,618

Firms Reporting: 433

Manchester Metropolitan Statistical Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings October 1993	Average Weekly Earnings September 1993	Average Weekly Earnings October 1992	Average Weekly Hours October 1993	Average Weekly Hours September 1993	Average Weekly Hours October 1992	Average Hourly Earnings October 1993	Average Hourly Earnings September 1993	Average Hourly Earnings October 1992
All Manufacturing	$469.95	$476.79	$484.36	42.3	42.8	42.6	$11.11	$11.14	$11.37
Durable goods	460.40	473.20	487.39	40.6	41.4	41.8	11.34	11.43	11.66
Machinery and electronic equipment	441.00	434.68	485.53	41.1	40.1	43.9	10.73	10.84	11.06
Nondurable goods	482.57	482.05	479.61	44.6	44.8	43.8	10.82	10.76	10.95

Sample Percent of Production Workers 54.5%

Total Production Workers: 7,250

Firms Reporting: 39

Nashua Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings October 1993	Average Weekly Earnings September 1993	Average Weekly Earnings October 1992	Average Weekly Hours October 1993	Average Weekly Hours September 1993	Average Weekly Hours October 1992	Average Hourly Earnings October 1993	Average Hourly Earnings September 1993	Average Hourly Earnings October 1992
All Manufacturing	$635.17	$643.68	$665.14	42.6	43.2	44.7	$14.91	$14.90	$14.88
Durable goods	643.80	660.67	682.69	43.5	44.4	46.6	14.80	14.88	14.65
Machinery and electronic equipment	629.18	658.68	675.17	46.4	47.8	51.5	13.56	13.78	13.11
Nondurable goods	608.54	595.81	608.75	39.8	39.8	38.7	15.29	14.97	15.73

Sample Percent of Production Workers 53.5%

Total Production Workers: 14,839

Firms Reporting: 89

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Metropolitan Statistical Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings October 1993	Average Weekly Earnings September 1993	Average Weekly Earnings October 1992	Average Weekly Hours October 1993	Average Weekly Hours September 1993	Average Weekly Hours October 1992	Average Hourly Earnings October 1993	Average Hourly Earnings September 1993	Average Hourly Earnings October 1992
All Manufacturing	$468.54	$474.31	$466.07	41.1	41.9	41.8	$11.40	$11.32	$11.15
Durable goods	480.90	483.91	479.79	41.6	42.3	42.8	11.56	11.44	11.21
Nondurable goods	450.15	460.08	443.51	40.3	41.3	40.1	11.17	11.14	11.06

Sample Percent of Production Workers 38.8%

Total Production Workers: 13,838

Firms Reporting: 42

Table 5A. U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	1993	1992	1991	1990
1982-84=100				
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
October Index	145.7	141.8	137.4	133.5
Change From Previous October	2.8%	3.2%	2.9%	6.3%
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
October Index	143.3	139.6	135.4	131.9
Change From Previous October	2.7%	3.1%	2.7%	6.2%
1967=100				
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
October Index	436.4	424.7	411.5	400.0
Change From Previous October	2.8%	3.2%	2.9%	6.3%
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
October Index	426.7	415.8	403.2	393.0
Change From Previous October	2.6%	3.1%	2.6%	6.3%

Table 5B. CPI INDEXES BY CATEGORY
(1982-84=100, except where otherwise noted)

Categories	CPI-U October Index	Change from: October 1992	Change from: September 1993	CPI-W October Index
All Items	145.7	2.8%	0.4%	143.3
All Items (1967=100)	436.4	-	-	426.7
Food and Beverages	142.3	2.2%	0.4%	142.0
Housing	142.2	2.7%	-0.1%	139.6
Apparel and Upkeep	136.1	0.8%	1.1%	135.1
Transportation	131.8	3.0%	1.3%	131.0
Medical Care	204.4	5.7%	0.5%	203.8
Entertainment	147.3	2.6%	0.5%	145.5
Other Goods and Services	193.4	2.9%	0.2%	191.1
Current purchasing power of a consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	$0.686	-2.7%	-0.4%	$0.698

Note: The CPI data on these tables is unadjusted for seasonal fluctuations.
Source: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Oooops!

The table on health insurance coverage in the November issue of *Economic Conditions* was incorrectly labled "Percent of Persons Covered by Health Insurance". A number of you called. Of course, it should have read "Percent of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance". The table is reprinted below.

Health Insurance

According to data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau on persons covered by health insurance, in 1992 New Hampshire had the highest percentage of persons not covered by health insurance of the six New England States.

Percent of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance:

	1992	1991	1990
Connecticut	8.1%	7.5%	6.9%
Maine	11.1%	11.1%	11.2%
Massachusetts	10.4%	10.9%	9.1%
New Hampshire	**12.6%**	**10.1%**	**9.9%**
Rhode Island	9.3%	10.1%	11.1%
Vermont	9.4%	12.7%	9.6%
Northeast census region	**11.3%**	**10.4%**	**10.5%**
United States	**14.7%**	**14.1%**	**13.9%**

source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OFFICE LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND, AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACTIVITY

Table 6. ACTIVE APPLICANTS ON FILE AT MONTH'S END BY OCCUPATION AND BY LOCAL OFFICE, OCTOBER 1993

Local Office	Professional, Technical, & Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Agricultural Fishery & Services	Agricultural Fishery & Forestry	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench-work	Struc-tural Work	Freight & Trans-portation	Packaging & Material Handling	Miscel-laneous	Total
Berlin	69	164	139	12	11	32	49	119	23	25	6	649
Claremont	111	169	93	10	11	85	45	85	32	50	2	693
Concord	514	542	242	25	15	147	95	290	72	112	21	2,075
Conway	60	73	57	10	1	14	5	48	10	5	4	287
Dover	608	723	373	52	37	280	365	433	137	104	24	3,136
Keene	394	377	192	13	20	158	120	186	58	88	9	1,615
Laconia	356	395	315	36	38	225	100	256	71	37	24	1,853
Lebanon	169	140	87	6	5	39	20	85	27	32	3	613
Littleton	141	213	234	14	10	64	25	118	25	31	8	883
Manchester	669	1056	539	37	54	240	257	511	136	211	38	3,748
Nashua	738	477	171	15	41	145	173	173	63	113	12	2,121
Portsmouth	751	558	281	28	41	129	69	283	90	108	29	2,367
Salem	341	256	86	10	6	58	72	78	40	27	6	980
Total all offices	4,921	5,143	2,809	268	290	1,616	1,395	2,665	784	943	186	21,020

Source of active applicant tables: SESA Automated Management System (SAMS) - Table A96

Active Applicants on File - Active Applicants Up

Active applicants on file at month's end grew, statewide, over the month (see *Tables 6 and 7*). *All* local offices had *more* applicants on file at the end of October than at the end of September. Compared to a year ago, active applicants on file were *down*. Only the Littleton local office had more over the year.

Looking at active applicants on file by occupational code (*Table 8*) *all* eleven groups showed *increases* from September. The largest *increases* were in *Clerical and Sales* and *Professional, Technical, and Managerial* work occupations. From last October, *all* of the groups showed *declines*. The greatest *decrease* was in active applicants with occupational codes in *Clerical and Sales* work, followed by those with codes in *Structural Work*.

Table 7. ACTIVE APPLICANTS ON FILE AT MONTH'S END BY LOCAL OFFICE COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH, YEAR

Local Office	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
Berlin	649	513	749	136	26.5%	-100	-13.4%
Claremont	693	570	907	123	21.6%	-214	-23.6%
Concord	2,075	1,797	2,568	278	15.5%	-493	-19.2%
Conway	287	248	414	39	15.7%	-127	-30.7%
Dover	3,136	2,686	3,525	450	16.8%	-389	-11.0%
Keene	1,615	1,399	1,804	216	15.4%	-189	-10.5%
Laconia	1,853	1,542	2,279	311	20.2%	-426	-18.7%
Lebanon	613	527	826	86	16.3%	-213	-25.8%
Littleton	883	615	847	268	43.6%	36	4.3%
Manchester	3,748	3,231	5,330	517	16.0%	-1,582	-29.7%
Nashua	2,121	1,763	2,923	358	20.3%	-802	-27.4%
Portsmouth	2,367	1,988	2,385	379	19.1%	-18	-0.8%
Salem	980	846	1,524	134	15.8%	-544	-35.7%
Total all offices	21,020	17,725	26,081	3,295	18.6%	-5,061	-19.4%

Table 8. ACTIVE APPLICANTS ON FILE AT MONTH'S END BY OCCUPATION COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH, YEAR

Occupational Group	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	4,921	4,197	5,399	724	17.3%	-478	-8.9%
Clerical and Sales	5,143	4,338	6,378	805	18.6%	-1,235	-19.4%
Services	2,809	2,265	3,278	544	24.0%	-469	-14.3%
Agricultural, Fishery, and Forestry	268	217	309	51	23.5%	-41	-13.3%
Processing	290	238	380	52	21.8%	-90	-23.7%
Machine Trades	1,616	1,396	2,222	220	15.8%	-606	-27.3%
Benchwork	1,395	1,199	1,771	196	16.3%	-376	-21.2%
Structural Work	2,665	2,273	3,867	392	17.2%	-1,202	-31.1%
Motor Freight and Transportation	784	689	1,060	95	13.8%	-276	-26.0%
Packaging and Material Handling	943	757	1,205	186	24.6%	-262	-21.7%
Miscellaneous	186	156	212	30	19.2%	-26	-12.3%
Total	21,020	17,725	26,081	3,295	18.6%	-5,061	-19.4%

Table 9. JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED OCTOBER 1993 BY OCCUPATION AND LOCAL OFFICE

Local Office	Professional, Technical, & Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Agricultural Services	Fishery & Forestry	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench-work	Structural Work	Freight & Transportation	Packaging & Material Handling	Miscellaneous	Total
Berlin	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	203	0	6	0	219
Claremont	13	22	16	1	1	11	6	4	4	5	0	83
Concord	15	55	25	1	0	26	3	6	3	5	0	139
Conway	1	9	4	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	21
Dover	22	26	37	0	1	16	22	35	57	8	0	224
Keene	24	32	31	2	3	17	9	28	0	5	0	151
Laconia	7	0	26	0	1	16	41	15	7	10	0	123
Lebanon	3	15	12	0	0	2	4	6	0	11	3	56
Littleton	6	16	54	1	0	5	5	12	15	2	0	116
Manchester	8	83	52	5	1	16	27	40	23	69	1	325
Nashua	18	105	38	2	9	10	20	15	4	40	2	263
Portsmouth	19	175	58	1	3	21	34	49	18	14	1	393
Salem	7	19	11	0	2	7	7	9	5	7	2	76
All Others	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total all offices	149	564	368	13	21	148	179	425	136	184	9	2,196

Source of job openings tables: SESA Automated Management System (SAMS) - Table A07

Table 10. JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY LOCAL OFFICE COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH, YEAR

Local Office	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
Berlin	219	153	27	66	43.1%	192	711.1%
Claremont	83	79	77	4	5.1%	6	7.8%
Concord	139	318	351	-179	-56.3%	-212	-60.4%
Conway	21	57	46	-36	-63.2%	-25	-54.3%
Dover	224	294	209	-70	-23.8%	15	7.2%
Keene	151	270	125	-119	-44.1%	26	20.8%
Laconia	123	199	165	-76	-38.2%	-42	-25.5%
Lebanon	56	122	95	-66	-54.1%	-39	-41.1%
Littleton	116	93	60	23	24.7%	56	93.3%
Manchester	325	458	411	-133	-29.0%	-86	-20.9%
Nashua	263	311	245	-48	-15.4%	18	7.3%
Portsmouth	393	287	226	106	36.9%	167	73.9%
Salem	76	86	51	-10	-11.6%	25	49.0%
Other	7	50	5	-43	-86.0%	2	40.0%
Total all offices	2,196	2,777	2,093	-581	-20.9%	103	4.9%

Job Openings Received -

Job Openings Fall Seasonally

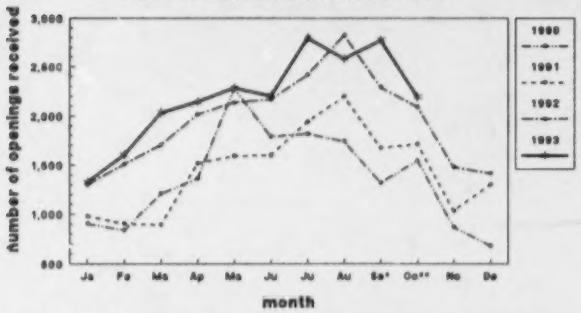
October saw a sharp seasonal *decline* in *job openings received* during the month (see *Tables 9-11, Figure 1*). Over the year they were *up* nearly 5 percent.

Compared to September, all but four of the thirteen local offices and the administrative office received *fewer* job openings. Comparing October 1993 to October 1992, five local offices showed *losses*. The Concord local office was the job opening loss leader both over the month and over the year.

Table 11. JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY OCCUPATION COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH, YEAR

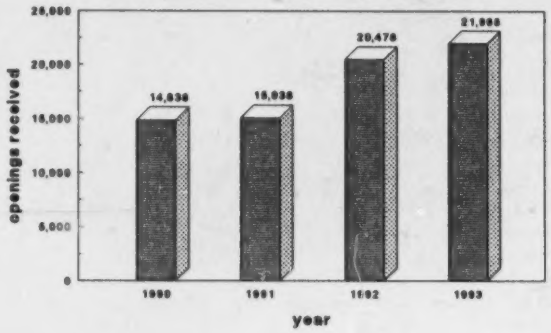
Occupational Group	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	149	176	149	-27	-15.3%	0	0.0%
Clerical and Sales	564	761	600	-197	-25.9%	-36	-6.0%
Services	368	422	438	-54	-12.8%	-70	-16.0%
Agricultural, Fishery, and Forestry	13	39	12	-26	-66.7%	1	8.3%
Processing	21	57	23	-36	-63.2%	-2	-8.7%
Machine Trades	148	161	169	-13	-8.1%	-21	-12.4%
Benchwork	179	316	84	-137	-43.4%	95	113.1%
Structural Work	425	423	329	2	0.5%	96	29.2%
Motor Freight and Transportation	136	128	110	8	6.3%	26	23.6%
Packaging and Material Handling	184	256	171	-72	-28.1%	13	7.6%
Miscellaneous	9	38	8	-29	-76.3%	1	12.5%
Total	2,196	2,777	2,093	-581	-20.9%	103	4.9%

Figure 1. JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED EACH MONTH: 1990-1993



*September 1990 data reconstructed after computer error - differs from data published in the November 88 issue of "Economic Conditions".
**October 1990 data derived from reconstructed September data.

Figure 2. CUMULATIVE TOTAL JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED THRU OCTOBER FOR THE YEARS 1990-1993



Cumulative Job Openings Received Exceeds 1987 Total

The cumulative total of job openings received through October; 21,966 (see *Figure 2*); was *larger* than any January to October total since before 1987.

Looking at job openings received in October, by *occupational group* (*Table 11*), all but two of eleven groups had over-the-month *decreases*. Compared to *October 1992*, all but five of the eleven occupational groups had *increased* openings received. Openings in *Structural Work* and in *Benchwork* occupations had the largest over-the-year additions.

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity -

Initial Claims Rise

Initial claims activity *increased* by 5.7% over the month (see *Figure 3*, *Table 12*). The cumulative total of initial claims for the calendar year, through October (see *Figure 4*), was the *lowest* since 1988 when 28,625 new claims were initiated, statewide, during the first ten months of the year.

Ten of the fourteen claimstaking offices (thirteen local offices plus the liable state office) reported *increases* in initial claims filed during the month. The single biggest change was a *decrease* of 325 in the Lebanon local office. The Littleton local office saw its initial claims load balloon by 213.

Fewer Initial Claims than a Year Ago

Initial claims filed statewide, compared to a year ago, were *down* by 13.3 percent. All but three of the fourteen claims taking offices saw *decreases* in initial claims activity from October a year ago.

Figure 3. INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS FILED EACH MONTH, ALL PROGRAMS: 1990-1993

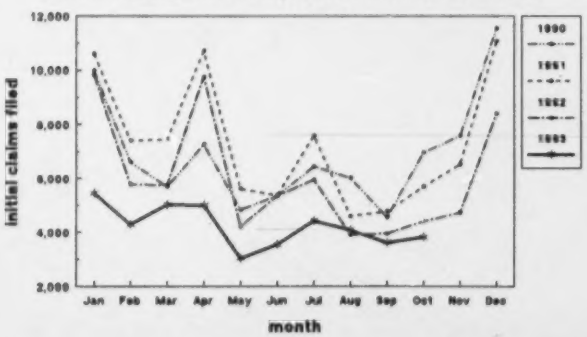
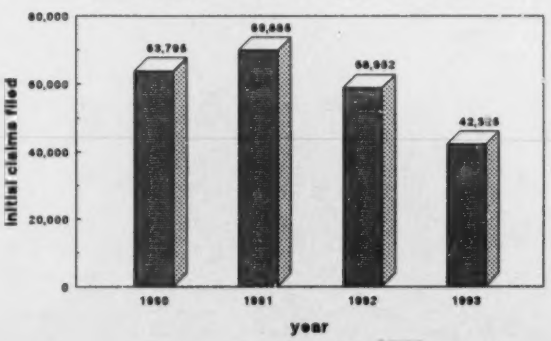


Figure 4. CUMULATIVE TOTAL INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS FILED THRU OCTOBER, LAST FOUR YEARS



UC Continued Claims Fall, EUC Claims Continue to Abate

The number of *continued weeks of unemployment compensation claimed fell* in October (see *Figure 5*) *decreasing* from 26,836 in September to 23,867 (see *Table 13*). Just 4,915 continued weeks of unemployment compensation were claimed under the *Emergency Unemployment Compensation Assistance* (EUC) program (see *Figure 7*) during the month of October. This is the *smallest* number of continued claims filed under this program since the month the program went into effect, November 1991. It represented a decrease of 21.8 percent from September activity. *Final payments* were made in October to 227 claimants who *exhausted* their benefits under EUC. EUC was set to expire in early October for those filing new claims, but an amendment to the enabling legislation, effective November 24, 1993, has extended another seven weeks of EUC coverage to those exhausting regular UC benefits between the weeks ending October 3, 1993 and January 29, 1994.

All but two of the fourteen claimstaking offices had *fewer* continued weeks claimed in October than in September. The Nashua and Dover local offices saw the largest *decreases*.

Continued Weeks Claimed Below Year-Ago Tally

The October continued weeks claimed total (*Table 13*) was 9.6 percent *smaller* compared to a year ago. With EUC continued claims added in (*Figure 7*) October's total was 22.3% *smaller* than that of last October.

Table 12. INITIAL CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BY LOCAL OFFICE COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH, YEAR

Local Office	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
Berlin	294	156	279	138	88.5%	15	5.4%
Claremont	141	108	127	33	30.6%	14	11.0%
Concord	271	300	372	-29	-9.7%	-101	-27.2%
Conway	120	70	154	50	71.4%	-34	-22.1%
Dover	453	364	559	89	24.5%	-106	-19.0%
Keene	170	129	191	41	31.8%	-21	-11.0%
Laconia	307	251	320	56	22.3%	-13	-4.1%
Lebanon	59	384	102	-325	-84.6%	-43	-42.2%
Littleton	289	76	238	213	280.3%	51	21.4%
Manchester	546	679	678	-133	-19.6%	-132	-19.5%
Nashua	395	453	431	-58	-12.8%	-36	-8.4%
Portsmouth	284	244	379	40	16.4%	-95	-25.1%
Salem	229	191	300	38	19.9%	-71	-23.7%
Liable State	263	210	277	53	25.2%	-14	-5.1%
Total all offices	3,821	3,615	4,407	206	5.7%	-586	-13.3%

Table 13. CONTINUED WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMED BY LOCAL OFFICE COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH, YEAR

Local Office	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
Berlin	851	689	829	162	23.5%	22	2.7%
Claremont	442	625	718	-183	-29.3%	-276	-38.4%
Concord	2,067	2,334	2,390	-267	-11.4%	-323	-13.5%
Conway	479	533	521	-54	-10.1%	-42	-8.1%
Dover	2,692	3,160	3,429	-468	-14.8%	-737	-21.5%
Keene	1,308	1,623	1,468	-315	-19.4%	-160	-10.9%
Laconia	1,756	1,901	2,006	-145	-7.6%	-250	-12.5%
Lebanon	568	986	743	-418	-42.4%	-175	-23.6%
Littleton	572	532	820	40	7.5%	-248	-30.2%
Manchester	4,411	4,809	4,378	-398	-8.3%	33	0.8%
Nashua	3,448	3,935	3,548	-487	-12.4%	-100	-2.8%
Portsmouth	1,558	1,580	1,801	-22	-1.4%	-243	-13.5%
Salem	1,744	1,891	1,622	-147	-7.8%	122	7.5%
Liable State	1,971	2,238	2,124	-267	-11.9%	-153	-7.2%
Total all offices	23,867	26,836	26,397	-2,969	-11.1%	-2,530	-9.6%

Source of unemployment compensation claims data: New Hampshire Employment Security, "Weekly Report of Claims"

Note: Initial claims are not claims paid and continued weeks claimed do not necessarily represent claims paid. Claimants are not eligible for an unemployment compensation payment until they initiate a claim series with an "initial claim" and then file a "continued claim" after a period of unemployment.

All but Three Offices See Continued Claims Drop from Last October

All but three of the claims processing offices had *fewer* continued weeks claimed compared to October 1992. The Dover local office had the *largest drop* followed by the Concord local office.

Cumulative continued weeks claimed (see *Figure 6*) for the calendar year to date were the *lowest* since *1989*.

Benefits Payments Fall

Net benefits paid during the month dropped by 16.0 percent from September. They were *down* by nearly a third from October 1992 (see *Table 14*). The *average payment for a week of total unemployment increased* by 1.4 percent from September to October and was *up* by 2.0 percent from October 1992. The *unemployment compensation fund balance edged up* by 0.6 percent from September to October (see *Figure 8*). The fund balance was *up* from a year ago by 27.2 percent.

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Figure 5. CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED, ALL PROGRAMS DURING EACH MONTH: 1990-1993

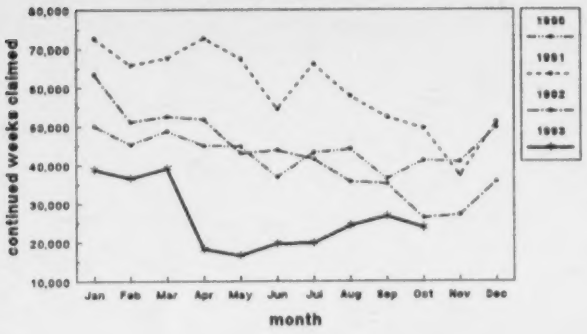


Figure 6. CONTINUED WEEKS U.C. CLAIMED, ALL PROGRAMS, CUMULATIVE THRU OCTOBER, 1990-1993

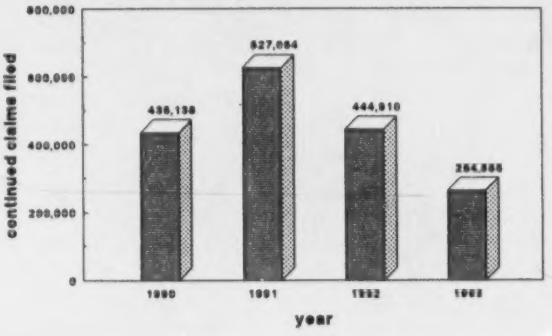


Table 14. OCTOBER UNEMPLOYMENT FUND INFORMATION

Fund Data	October 1993	September 1993	October 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
Average payment for a week of total unemployment	$148.37	$146.37	$145.52	$2.00	1.4%	$2.85	2.0%
Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of the month	$163,897,297.83	$162,888,354.56	$128,844,453.01	$1,008,943.27	0.6%	$35,052,844.82	27.2%
Net benefits paid during the month	$3,083,282.97	$3,668,907.40	$4,488,294.81	-$585,624.43	-16.0%	-$1,405,011.84	-31.3%

- *Net contributions received during the month: $4,092,226.24*
- *Interest Received: $0.00*

Source: New Hampshire Employment Security, Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau

Figure 7. WEEKS CLAIMED REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) AND EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (EUC) PROGRAMS

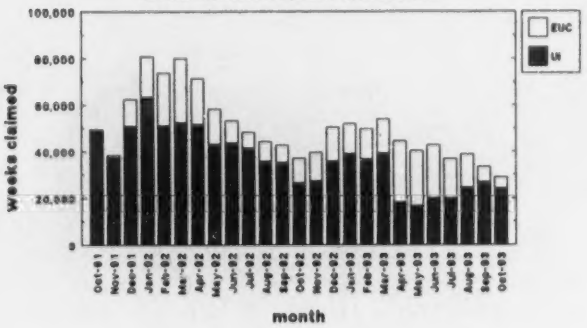
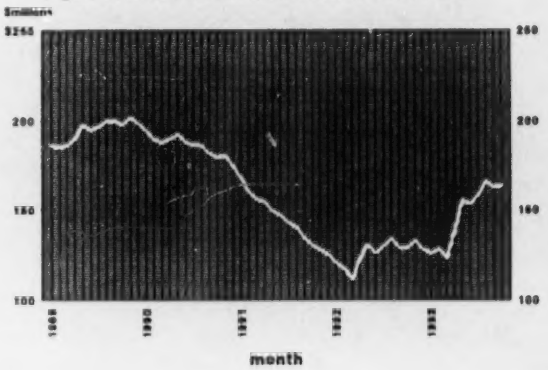


Figure 8. TRUST FUND BALANCE AT MONTH'S END



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PER CAPITA AMOUNTS AND RANK OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES BY STATE for Fiscal Years (ending September 30) 1989 to 1992

STATE	FY 89		FY 90		FY 91		FY 92	
	dollars	rank	dollars	rank	dollars	rank	dollars	rank
Alabama	$3,656	21	$4,242	13	$4,515	15	$4,920	15
Alaska	5,680	2	5,867	3	6,413	2	6,873	2
Arizona	3,763	17	4,112	17	4,131	28	4,309	32
Arkansas	3,523	27	3,509	37	3,817	36	4,151	35
California	3,737	19	3,891	24	4,203	24	4,526	22
Colorado	4,216	11	4,428	11	4,878	11	4,952	14
Connecticut	4,875	6	4,484	10	5,001	10	4,846	16
Delaware	3,128	43	3,226	44	3,581	43	3,897	43
District of Columbia	25,190	1	28,592	1	31,948	1	33,952	1
Florida	3,684	20	3,970	20	4,239	21	4,648	19
Georgia	3,161	42	3,265	43	3,584	42	4,191	34
Hawaii	4,866	7	4,927	7	5,429	6	5,600	6
Idaho	3,637	22	3,862	25	4,126	29	4,425	28
Illinois	2,978	47	3,210	45	3,532	45	3,818	45
Indiana	2,845	50	3,051	50	3,352	50	3,529	51
Iowa	3,454	31	3,587	35	3,687	41	4,053	37
Kansas	3,612	24	3,850	27	4,216	23	4,442	27
Kentucky	3,316	37	3,670	33	4,102	30	4,139	36
Louisiana	3,291	39	3,582	36	3,827	35	4,340	31
Maine	3,896	15	4,011	19	4,535	14	5,290	9
Maryland	5,194	5	5,671	5	6,071	4	6,589	3
Massachusetts	4,830	8	4,949	6	5,245	7	5,474	7
Michigan	2,801	51	3,142	48	3,369	49	3,788	47
Minnesota	3,316	36	3,445	41	3,693	40	3,751	49
Mississippi	3,740	18	3,912	23	4,336	17	5,107	10
Missouri	4,523	10	4,741	8	5,120	9	5,025	12
Montana	4,047	12	4,186	14	4,632	12	4,967	13
Nebraska	3,582	26	3,860	26	4,029	32	4,280	33
Nevada	3,505	30	3,448	40	3,833	34	4,052	38
NEW HAMPSHIRE	3,084	44	3,209	46	3,506	46	3,853	44
New Jersey	3,347	35	3,664	34	3,977	33	4,405	30
New Mexico	5,298	3	5,703	4	6,032	5	6,572	4
New York	3,593	25	3,918	22	4,252	19	4,632	21
North Carolina	2,869	49	3,043	51	3,450	47	3,761	48
North Dakota	4,595	9	4,555	9	5,124	8	5,452	8
Ohio	3,309	38	3,496	38	3,786	37	3,950	40
Oklahoma	3,449	32	3,753	30	4,086	31	4,450	26
Oregon	3,036	46	3,457	39	3,579	44	3,934	41
Pennsylvania	3,521	28	3,823	28	4,135	27	4,640	20
Rhode Island	3,818	16	4,303	12	4,585	13	5,041	11
South Carolina	3,412	33	3,919	21	4,187	25	4,415	29
South Dakota	4,042	13	4,114	16	4,418	16	4,684	17
Tennessee	3,373	34	3,701	31	4,218	22	4,485	25
Texas	3,222	41	3,428	42	3,716	39	3,956	39
Utah	3,627	23	3,779	29	3,782	38	3,925	42
Vermont	3,048	45	3,148	47	3,404	48	3,801	46
Virginia	5,258	4	5,874	2	6,152	3	6,416	5
Washington	4,038	14	4,140	15	4,290	18	4,678	18
West Virginia	3,291	40	3,685	32	4,145	26	4,485	24
Wisconsin	2,974	48	3,052	49	3,279	51	3,563	50
Wyoming	3,508	29	4,089	18	4,241	20	4,506	23

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Federal Expenditures by State

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